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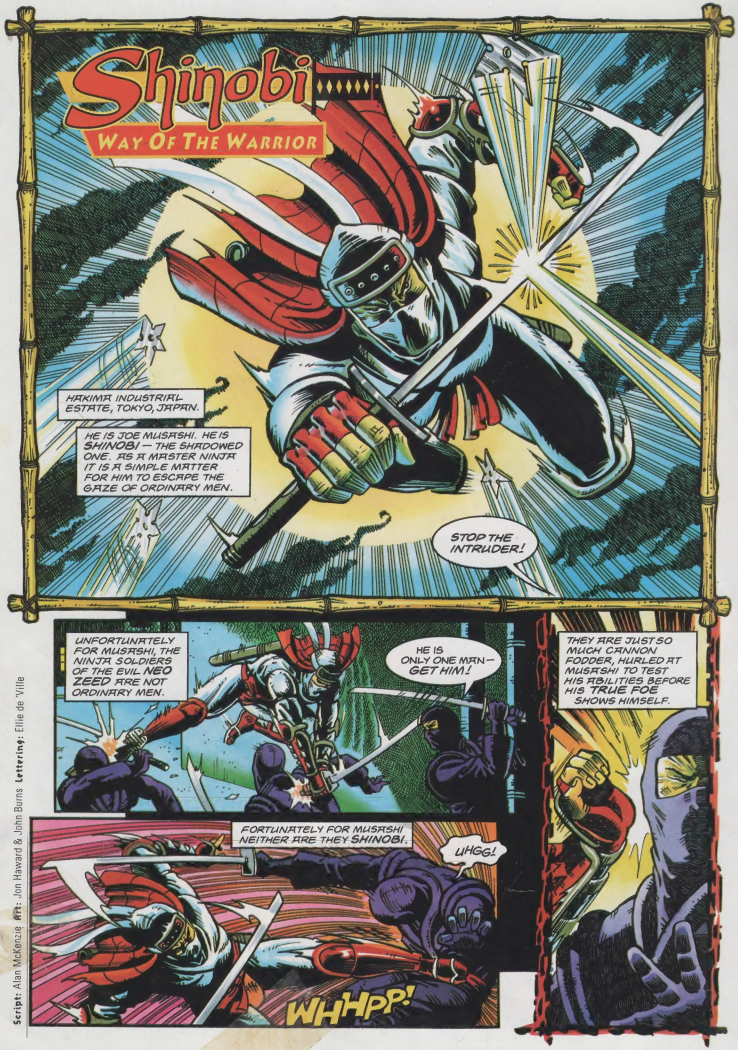
Shinobi
WAY OF THE WARRIOR
HAKIMA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, TOKYO, JAPAN.
HE IS JOE MUSASHI. HE IS SHINOBI — THE SHADOWED ONE. AS A MASTER NINJA IT IS A SIMPLE MATTER FOR HIM TO ESCAPE THE GAZE OF ORDINARY MEN.
STOP THE INTRUDER!
UNFORTUNATELY FOR MUSASHI, THE NINJA SOLDIERS OF THE EVIL NEO ZEED ARE NOT ORDINARY MEN.
HE IS ONLY ONE MAN — GET HIM!
THEY ARE JUST SO MUCH CANNON FODDER, HURLED AT MUSASHI TO TEST HIS ABILITIES BEFORE HIS TRUE FOE SHOWS HIMSELF.
FORTUNATELY FOR MUSASHI NEITHER ARE THEY SHINOBI.
UHGG!
WHHPP!

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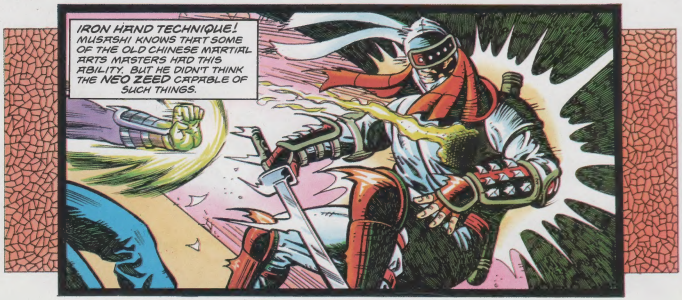
MUSASHI REACHES OUT WITH HIS HAREGAI * AND DETECTS— NOTHING.
SOMETHING IS WRONG.
* HAREGAI IS A NINJA'S NATURAL RADAR.
EVEN IF THERE WAS NOTHING FOR MUSASHI'S HAREGAI TO DETECT, THERE WOULD AT LEAST BE BACKGROUND "NOISE"— LIKE STATIC ON A BADLY TUNED RADIO.
IT'S LIKE SOMETHING IN THIS ALLEYWAY IS THROWING A BLANKET OVER MUSASHI'S SENSES.
BUT MUSASHI'S MOMENTARY HESITATION IS ALL THE GRP HIS UNSEEN FOE NEEDS.
KLNG!
CHNNG!
KLNG!
HA-HA HA-HA!
JOE MUSASHI ... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.

HE IS CALLED THE VOID NAMED AFTER THE FIFTH ELEMENT IN THE JAPANESE CLASSIC OF SWORD STRATEGY 'THE BOOK OF FIVE RINGS'.
YOU HAVE BEEN A THORN IN THE SIDE OF THE NEO ZEED FOR TOO LONG.

FZZZZZK!
NOW, YOU DIE!
WHFFFF!
SHKKK!


IRON HAND TECHNIQUE! MUSASHI KNOWS THAT SOME OF THE OLD CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS MASTERS HAD THIS ABILITY. BUT HE DIDN'T THINK THE NEO ZEED CAPABLE OF SUCH THINGS.

BUT NO IRON HAND COULD BE A MATCH FOR THE TEMPERED STEEL OF A MUSASHI BLADE.
SUCH BLADES HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO PENETRATE STONE.
FSHZZAK!
BTTOOM
SAD!
BUT WITHOUT YOUR SWORD, YOU ARE NO MORE THAN A GNAT!
KCHANG!
I HAD THOUGHT YOU A WORTHY OPPONENT.
WHHHP!
I WILL MAKE YOUR DEATH AS PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE.
DO NOT FEAR, LITTLE ONE. I AM NOT A CRUEL MAN...

MUSASHI IS NOT PLANNING TO DIE. BUT HE NEEDS A STRATEGY IF HE IS GOING TO SURVIVE MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS.
A STRATEGY THAT WILL DEFEAT THIS WARRIOR OF THE NEO ZEED WITHOUT KILLING HIM.
YEARS BEFORE, MUSASHI SWORE NOT TO TAKE THE LIVES OF HIS ENEMIES. THAT WOULD MAKE HIM NO BETTER THAN THEM.
THE ONLY WAY TO DEFEAT HIS OPPONENT AND AVOID BLOODSHED IS TO USE THE VOID'S OWN POWER AGAINST HIM.
BUT FIRST MUSASHI MUST MATCH THE VOID'S POWER.
HE GOES INTO PRANA * TO DRAW STRENGTH FROM THE EARTH.
JON HAWKD
* PRANA – A MARTIAL ARTS TECHNIQUE IN WHICH THE HEART RATE AND BREATHING ARE SLOWED DOWN.
AH! THE GNAT IS NOT WITHOUT A STING OF HIS OWN.
KEEE!!!

WHUMMP!
MY HAND!
GET UP.
TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR NEO ZEED MASTERS. I WISH NOTHING MORE THAN TO BE LEFT ALONE.
DO NOT MISTAKE MY RELUCTANCE TO FIGHT FOR WEAKNESS.
NOW GO. IF I SEE YOU AGAIN, IT'LL BE YOUR OTHER HAND!
BUT MUSASHI DOES NOT TRULY BELIEVE THE NEO ZEED WILL LEAVE HIM IN PEACE. FOR ENEMIES SUCH AS THEY HAVE LONG MEMORIES AND NEVER LET A DEFEAT GO UNPUNISHED.
THE END. FOLLOW THE ACTION WITH SHINOBI IN SONIC THE COMIC!

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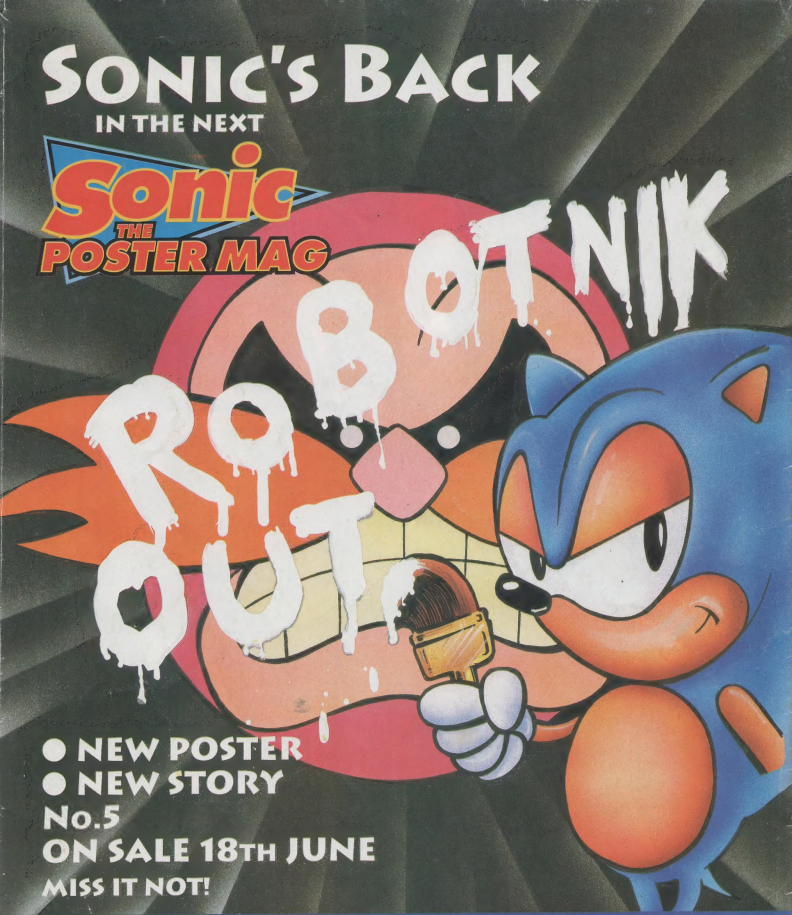

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